envisages augmentation of conventional covered storage capacity through private sector participation.

(c) Does not arise.

Benefit of Annapoorna and Antyodaya schemes

1967. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted to know whether benefits of Annapoorna and Antyodaya schemes are reaching to the right people;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any plan to raise monthly PDS allocations; and

(d) if so, to what extent, it would be raised and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) A proposal relating to enhancement in allocation of foodgrains under Targetted Public Distribution System (TPDS) is under consideration. No final decision has been taken.

Reduction in prices of rationed foodgrains

1968. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to further reduce the prices of rationed foodgrains in view of buffer stocks;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have also been seriously considering delinking of Minimum Support Price from procurement; and